

Charles Binns

...as portrayed by John Sawyer

Dr. John Sawyer holds Bachelors of Arts and a Master of Arts degree in History, a Doctorate in Education and Cognitive Psychology, and a J.D. in law. He is currently a senior attorney with the Department of State and an Adjunct Professor of American History at NOVA on the Loudoun County campus. As well as being a professor of American History, John is also an active re-enactor of the colonial period. John takes pride in the fact that his experience is not just academic. He has learned to ride a horse and to plow a field, build bridges and barns using 18th century techniques

Charles Binns was married to Ann Alexander in 1759-1760; Mr. Binns was Clerk of Court in Fairfax County, before Loudoun was formed. Mr. Binns was sworn in as the first Clerk of Court on July 12, 1757. Mr. Binns lived on a large estate near Leesburg called Rokeby and the County records were kept in a vault on the estate until a building was erected adjacent to the Courthouse in 1800. The move was precipitated by the need for the Clerk and the records to be close to the Court. Charles Binns had 8 children, one of whom would later follow in his fathers footsteps and become Clerk of the Court.

George K. Fox, Jr.

...as portrayed by Currell Piggott

Currell Piggott is a descendant of Loudoun Quakers and Nichols Minor, the founder of Leesburg, and is a lifelong resident of Loudoun County. After attending Virginia Commonwealth University, he served in the U.S. Army. He is retired from Loudoun County Government, and currently enjoys interpreting history for the Gray Ghost Interpretive Group/Mosby Heritage Area.

George K. Fox Jr. was the Clerk of the Court from 1857-1865 and 1871-1873. Mr. Fox was, as all Clerk's, entrusted with the safe keeping of all court records. The Civil War broke out during his first term, and no court was to be held. The Justices ordered that the records be removed to a safe place until the war was over. Mr. Fox loaded the records (over 250 books and countless drawers of loose papers) in a wagon and took them to Campbell County, Virginia. Upon the conclusion of the war, Mr. Fox returned all of the records back to Leesburg where they have been in close proximity of the Courthouse ever since.

Honorable Thomas D. Horne

The Honorable Judge Thomas D. Horne received his J.D. from College of William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law and upon graduation, was commissioned as a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps' JAG. Since moving to Leesburg in 1972, Judge Horne has served in the Commonwealth's Attorney office for Loudoun County, and he has served a Judge for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Virginia since 1982.

Honorable Frederick R. Howard

Frederick R. Howard is a native of Loudoun County. He began working in the Clerk's Office in 1962. He served as Deputy Clerk under Joseph T. Martz until 1979 and served as the Clerk of the Circuit Court until his retirement in 1991. Fred is married to the former Peggy Fleming, also a Loudoun native. They have two grown daughters, Linda and Hope, and four grandchildren. Fred is an avid golfer. He also enjoys traveling and spending time with his family.

Honorable Richard Kirk

Richard Kirk was born and raised in the Middleburg area. He joined the Clerk's Office in 1959. In 1979, Richard became the Chief Deputy Clerk under Frederick R. Howard. In 1991, he became the Clerk of the Circuit Court. He is married to the former Betty George of Leesburg and they have two grown sons, John and Justin. Richard continues to work in real estate and he also serves as a substitute teacher for Loudoun County Public Schools. Richard and Betty enjoy traveling.

Honorable Gary M. Clemens

The Honorable Gary M. Clemens began his term as the Clerk of the Circuit Court on January 1, 2000. He received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from George Mason University and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science at James Madison University. He received the *Government Best Practice Award* from the International City/County Managers Association in 2005. Mr. Clemens is the 1st Vice-President of the Virginia Court Clerks' Association and he is the Chairman of the Loudoun United Way Campaign. He provides lectures and presentations on local government and the court system for students in Loudoun County Public Schools. He actively serves the community as a youth sports coach in various sports leagues and as a member of the Leesburg Daybreak Rotary Club and the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce. Gary and his wife, Maria, reside in Ashburn with their three sons.

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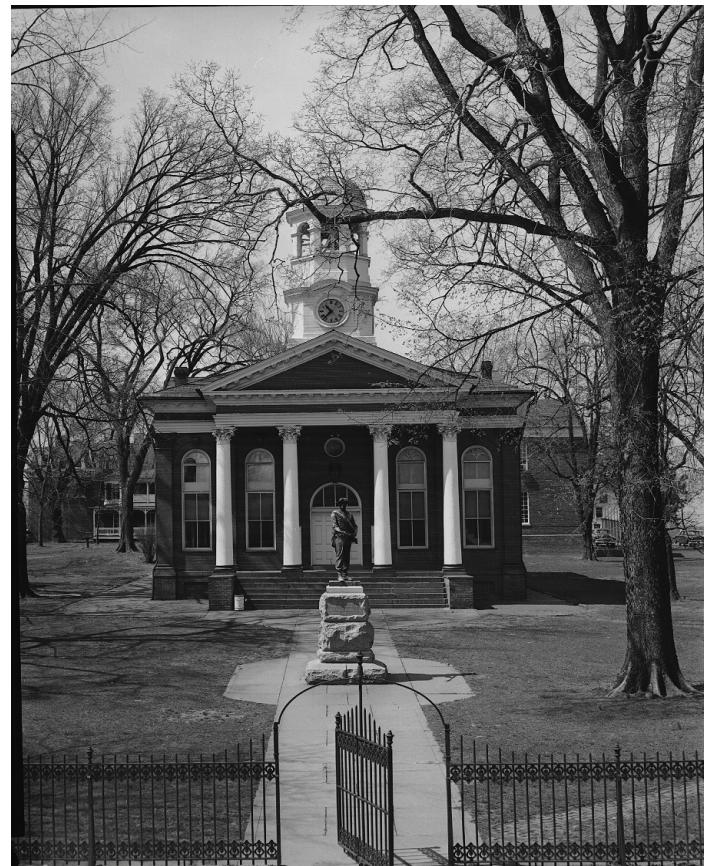
The Committee would like to extend our appreciation to the Clerk of the General District Court, the General District Court Judges and the Circuit Court Judges for permitting the use of the Old Courthouse courtroom for our 250th Anniversary events.

We would also like to thank Court Security for their support and participation.

A special thanks to all of our volunteers who have made these events possible.

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